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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 86-127

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Discrimination - AIDS or ARC

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has recently determined that AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and ARC (AIDS related condition) are considered a protected physical handicap under the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination by employers and organizations receiving funds from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

All county welfare agencies shall ensure that persons alleging discrimination based on AIDS or ARC are advised of their right to file a complaint directly with the HHS Office for Civil Rights. To file a complaint, the individual or their authorized representative should provide the following information in writing:

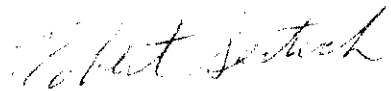
- name and address;
- how, why, and when the alleged discrimination occurred;
- the name and address of the institution or agency that allegedly discriminated;
- any other relevant information.

The information must be sent to:

Virginia Apodaca, Regional Manager  
Office for Civil Rights  
Department of Health and Human Services  
50 United Nations Plaza, Room 322  
San Francisco, CA 94102

All AIDS or ARC complaints sent to the county welfare agencies shall be forwarded immediately to the HHS Office for Civil Rights for processing.

If you have any questions regarding the handling of AIDS or ARC discrimination complaints, please call Alicia Martinez, Chief, Civil Rights Bureau, at (916) 322-4134/ATSS 492-4134.



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